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POLITICAL PREJUDICE.

There is sometimes too much politics and prejudice in municipal affairs. This was manifested in the refusal of the City Council to approve the voucher for the purchase of the armory site by the Mayor, as authorized by the Council. There may have been valid reason for this inconsistent action by the Council, but it was not given. The reasons alleged were ridiculous. One that the location, Center and Green, was the "toughest part of town," shows the unwillingness of the Council to purify "tough" places, which is most effectively done by the erection of important buildings to be occupied by respectable people or those in authority. The plea that the property belonged to the Gas Company shows only prejudice, as does the claim that it would be occupied by the "Beckham militia." Political rivalry and opposition is all right in its place, but wholly inexcusable when it is allowed to influence public action and interests by the people's representatives, who should, at least occasionally, eschew politics in affairs of the general public and attend to city business.

BOER SITUATION.

The censorship maintained by the English authorities in South Africa is evidently to cover up the real situation and draw the curtain over the atrocities of Butcher Kitchener. But the news gets out. It takes more than a censor to head off the up-to-date news gatherer, though it is kept from the British public. The fact that Gen. Roberts has not yet left South Africa, two months after surrendering his command with honors, ovations and important duties awaiting him in England, is significant. The Boers are more active and bold than at any time since the capture of Pretoria, are no longer restrained to the northern mountains of Transvaal, but are in force as far south as the border of Cape Town province, menacing and attacking the lines of communication, destroying railroads and bridges, capturing prisoners and supplies, despite the 200,000 British troops that guard and garrison at every point, and more troops and supplies have been sent from England. Even the provinces of Natal and Cape Town are under martial law and patrolled to prevent revolt, and the Afrikaner Congress in session is "protected" by a large military force to prevent anti-British action or declarations by that body.

Gen. De Wet has penetrated far south of Bloemfontein, defeating or eluding every force sent to check his advance, while all attempts to surround and capture him have failed. Gens. Botha and Delarey, who command the Boer forces in the Transvaal, are not heard from, but the fact that Kitchener is not following up De Wet from the north indicates that the Boers are no less aggressive there. In fact Kitchener in Pretoria and the British forces in all other places are practically besieged, frequently attacked and constantly be on the alert and fight to prevent the cutting off of their communication and supplies, every force sent out to drive off the Boers is defeated, or after a wearisome march returns without success, frequently hurriedly to relieve the garrison that is attacked in their absence.

The attempt of the English censorship to deceive the public by referring to the Boers as mere guerrilla bands is farcical. Mere guerrilla bands could not worry to any ex-

tent nor effectually hold the country against a 200,000 army of occupation, nor do more than make desultory raids, and could certainly be quickly run down and killed or captured. But the Boers control the entire field outside of garrisoned towns and lines of railroad, and even attack these at their pleasure, seizing supplies, arms and ammunition as they need and destroying what they do not want. They also have artillery and fortified towns from which they have repulsed all efforts to dislodge them, and no doubt are taking every advantage of their opportunity to seize and fortify all the mountain passes and kopjes, which will enable them to hold the country against attack of an invading force as effectually as at the outbreak of the war.

De Wet in his march southward must have driven many English garrisons from positions, captured arms, artillery, ammunition and supplies, and they are still held by the Boers. There is undoubtedly a complete line of communication between the Boer forces north and south, and that it is strongly fortified is proven by the failure of the English to cut off or retard De Wet's progress. On the other hand, the British line of communication from Cape Town border to Pretoria is menaced, attacked at will, frequently successfully, requiring reinforcements to repulse the Boers or recapture the positions, often after long and desperate conflicts.

That the Boer war is far from ended is apparent despite the claims of the English reports, and that England has "celebrated the victory and declared the Transvaal and Orange Free State annexed British provinces." With Parliament in session, though only for a brief time to provide for further needed supplies to continue the war, despite the careful statements of the Government officials, they have been forced to admit that it may require three years, more men, money and sacrifice, and the patriotic unity and effort of the British to bring the war to a successful issue.

All that is wanted to fill England's cup of woe to overflowing in the Boer war is the dreaded and not improbable Dutch uprising in Cape Colony and Natal—and De Wet is near the border.

Holland and Portugal are assuming defiant attitudes and threatening to go to war. It only tends to amuse the diplomatic world. But if they should prove in earnest they will be restrained much in the way big fellows compel little ones to behave and not start a ruction; not that any of the stronger powers care anything particularly for Holland or Portugal or the merits of their controversy, but their little pop-gun racket might possibly prove the spark to set the whole world afire—cause a general row among the big fellows.

The ordinance requiring the laying of groove tracks by the City Railway Company, introduced by Alderman Hart last Tuesday night, smacks of jobbery. His interest in the dumb animal seem greater than that in the human being. Let us first have conductors and vestibules, and by that time the tracks now in use may be worn out. Then they might be replaced without great disadvantage to either company or public.

There is no truth whatever in the statements published in the daily papers during the past few days concerning Monsignor Bouchet and

Rev. Father Lynch, except that the former was ill for a week, during which period Rev. Father Lynch performed the duties of both. Monsignor Bouchet's friends rejoice that he is again at the Cathedral. This unauthorized notoriety is annoying.

The Egan case is settled by the President restoring him to duty—virtually a pardon—and his retirement. This has occasioned a howl, of course, from the politicians and "patriots"—the first for political effect, the others because nothing short of humiliation and disgrace for Egan (an Irishman) would please them.

Advertisers who desire to reach the better class of purchasers should take advantage of our next week's issue, which will be an unusually large and interesting one. The readers of the Kentucky Irish American are numbered only by thousands, it reaching nearly every Catholic home in Kentucky.

The deliberations of the American Federation of Labor have been thus far characterized by wisdom and conservatism, and today a much higher opinion prevails throughout the country of the great labor movement now being conducted for the amelioration of the condition of the working classes.

Gov. Beckham has been inaugurated and the Hon. John Yerkes appointed Internal Revenue Commissioner. The animosities of the late campaign should now be forgotten and all our attention given to the advancement of Kentucky.

Samuel Gompers always has and still favors the initiative and referendum, and any feasible and just plan of putting it into effect will receive his hearty support. The Times comment upon his attitude was indeed unjust.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS.

Archbishop Corrigan Speaks of Catholic Martyrs in China.

In all the Roman Catholic churches in New York City a circular letter from Archbishop Corrigan was read last Sunday morning ordering that collections be taken up for the benefit of Catholic missions throughout the world. These missions are supported by the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, and all the funds collected will be forwarded to that organization's headquarters in France. The Archbishop in his letter said:

"The Christians in India are crying for bread. In China up to the end of September forty-eight Catholic missionaries had suffered for the faith and thousands of native Christians had been cruelly put to death. Churches, schools, orphan asylums, hospitals and homes for the aged have been destroyed and the work of centuries seriously impaired. We have, however, the consolation of knowing that in the midst of such terrible suffering the spirit of faith was stronger than the fear of torment and death."

SANTA CLAUS COMES.

Good old St. Nicholas, now making his annual visit to the children, arrived here last Tuesday, making his initial appearance at the Holy Cross school on West Broadway, carrying an unusually large pack, from which each of the little ones received a present. Rev. Father Cunningham assisted Santa Claus in the distribution and contributed much to the happiness of the occasion.

IRISH PRIEST REMEMBERED.

The Rev. Father Hanly last month was the recipient of a wonderful demonstration of regard and affection from his friends in Leipzig. Father Hanly, who for some time had been curate in the parish, won golden opinions and the eve of his departure to another sphere of duty—the administration of a parish in the archdiocese of Dublin—was availed of by the people of Leipzig in order to testify their admiration of his worth as a priest and his character as a sterling Irishman. A meeting was held at the house of the M. J. Dunne, the popular Rural District Councillor, when it was decided to present the reverend gentleman with an address. Meantime, in their rooms the members of the Hamilton-Rowan Band, in which Father Hanly had taken a great interest, came to the conclusion that they should also make some manifestation of their regard. It was consequently decided to serenade him that night with a farewell selection of national airs. Other preparations in a similar direction went on apace and by 9 o'clock the people of the town and surrounding parish were in the main street. Torches were alight, and headed by the band the people en masse proceeded to the priest's house, where between selections by the band cheers, hearty and repeated, were given for Father Hanly. The address was then read and Father Hanly suitably replied, his words, which were delivered with evident emotion, being punctuated with encouraging plaudits. Altogether the occasion was one that will not be forgotten for many days in Leipzig.

SOCIETY.

W. W. Spalding arrived here from Lebanon Tuesday for a short visit.

James Hearn, who was here visiting friends, has returned to Lexington.

B. O. Tracy has returned to Winchester, after spending a few days in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barry, of Elizabethtown, were in the city for a few days this week.

Miss Mary Boyle, who has been in Europe for the past ten months, is expected home next week.

Mrs. J. C. Fitzpatrick and children, of Middlesboro, will visit with friends here until after the holidays.

Miss Agnes Hays, who is attending school in Washington, will return home December 21 for the holidays.

Miss Julia Baldwin gave a delightful euchre party last Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Rosa Robinson.

Mrs. Sam Herm, who has been the guest of the Misses Finn, returned this week to her home in Madison.

The Misses Fitzgerald, 3025 Grand avenue, had as their guest this week Mrs. Adeline Mullen, of Madison, Ind.

Miss Annie Czapski is home from Suwanee, Tenn., where she went to be bridesmaid to Miss Bland Nelson.

Miss Mabel Wyman, who has been the guest of Miss Emily Hussey, returned to her home in St. Louis last Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Simms, of Marion county, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Kit Alvey, with whom she will remain for another week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gilbert are home from Martinsville, Ind., where Uncle Jim has been for some time past undergoing treatment for rheumatism.

The many friends of John Shanahan will be glad to know that he is now rapidly recovering from a severe illness at the Gray-street infirmary.

Mrs. James Whalen and son Walter have removed to New Albany, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Wakefield, West Fifth street.

The euchre given Tuesday night under the auspices of the Ladies' Hospital Club of New Albany attracted a large crowd to St. Joseph's Hall and proved a really enjoyable event.

Miss Annie Duane has returned after a pleasant visit with Miss Mayme Fleming in Bowling Green, where she was the recipient of marked social attention and made a host of friends.

The euehres given by Mackin Council are well attended and growing in popularity. Nearly all the young people of the West End are now interested in these enjoyable social gatherings.

Will Pirrman, well-known in the West End, who has been confined for some time to his home by serious illness, is now convalescent and hopes soon to be able to be out again among his friends.

John Bramwood, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Typographical Union and one of the brightest and most popular men in the labor movement, arrived here Thursday night from Indianapolis.

Mrs. Daisy Louise Fox, 116 West Walnut street, had as her guest this week William Frazier, of Boston, delegate to the American Federation representing the International Seamen's Union, of which he is Secretary.

Mrs. Ellsworth Donahue has been very ill of typhoid fever at her home on East Market street, Jeffersonville, for the past week, but at last accounts there was a change in her condition and her friends are now hopeful for her recovery.

The many friends of Mrs. Phil Hutti, wife of the well known grocer, will be glad to hear that she is recovering rapidly from an operation performed at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital and will soon be able to be removed to her home at Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

The fancy dress mask ball given by the Barbers' Union at Music Hall last Monday night in honor of their representatives in the American Federation of Labor was a grand social success. The attendance was very large and all enjoyed themselves. The guests of honor were looked after by Messrs. John Young, Henry Minogue, George Rautenbusch, Andy Krebs, Phil Kammerer and others, their efforts being highly appreciated. The merriment was continued until a late hour.

The quinquennial banquet of the Alumni Society of the Louisville Male High School Tuesday night at the Galt House was probably the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of the alumni ever held since its organization, over 150 members being present. President Chapman Young presided and introduced the speakers, among whom were Judge Shackelford Miller, Morton V. Jones, Hon. Asher Caruth, Pendleton Beckley, Dr. Bate and others. The festivities lasted until after midnight.

Pretty cards were issued this week bearing the following inscription: "Mr. and Mrs. E. Wunderlich request the honor of your presence at the christening of their baby boy on December 13, 1900, at 4 o'clock, Church of the Holy Cross, Thirty-first and Broadway. Supper at 5 o'clock, Forty-second and Broadway." There was a large and happy gathering at the residence after the ceremony, where hospitality was dispensed for several hours and best wishes expressed for the future welfare and prosperity of the handsome young heir.

THEATRICALS.

The play that will be presented next week by the Meffer-Eagle Stock Company at the Temple Theater should prove an exceptionally popular attraction at common sense prices. The management has decided to produce "Camille," which never fails to draw large audiences, and the members of the company will give an artistic and finished rendition of the famous drama. The scenic mounting and costuming of the piece will be fully up to all requirements.



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Another great attraction at this popular play-house next week will be the poly-scope pictures to be shown between the acts. They excel any ever seen before here. The Temple patrons will hereafter be given vaudeville of a high class, arrangements having been made with the leading theatrical people for performers of unquestioned merit. The first announced to appear are Louise Heper and Austin Moore, both of whom have world-wide reputations. The new features will effect no change in the present conduct of the Temple, which will continue only offerings of general merit.

Jacobs and Lowry's Merry Maidens are coming to the Buckingham next week, with the usual matinees, and will present an entirely new, novel and up-to-date performance. "Among the combination of pretty girls, graceful dancers and capable comedians are some of the best-known people in the profession. Jolly Nellie Hanly, a great favorite at this house and one of the sweetest singers on the stage, heads the company. She is ably assisted by such clever comedians as James Lowry, Sam Rice, Jack Conroy and Ford West, and with the comedy in such capable hands the fun is well taken care of. The curtain rises on an elaborately staged and mounted first part, the setting for which is said to be the finest ever carried by a burlesque attraction, being a beautiful blend of white, pale blue and gold, with wardrobe to correspond. A series of living pictures are presented in a different manner from anything ever seen here, being done in what is known as "black art." In one act alone, that of "The Black Tulip," more electrical effects are used than are generally seen in an entire performance of this kind. A very fine satire concludes the performance.

The Avenue's offering for next week will be Hayes and Lytton's Comedians, presenting the up-to-date comedy in three acts, "A Wise Guy." There are very few farce productions that created for themselves the following this one earned during its tour last season. The management has had the comedy rewritten, introducing new songs, dances and choruses, and there is an entire new third act, brimful of novelties. The principals, besides contributing their original specialties during the action of the comedy, all have congenial roles.

WHEN SHOULD A YOUNG WOMAN WED?

The Pittsburg Observer several weeks ago offered a prize for the best answer to the above question. Mary McLafferty answers as follows:

"When she can do all kinds of housework and sew."

"When she understands not only how to be a good housekeeper, but also how to be a good wife and mother."

"When she is wise enough to know we are all full of imperfections and she must look for faults as well as virtues."

"When she has sense enough to know that the matrimonial state possesses great responsibilities, and that she is not marrying just to have a home, some one to pay her bills and a 'good time'."

"When she can live according to her husband's means. At an age when she has good sense and good health."

"When she finds a modest, temperate, industrious young man that is suitable and loves him."

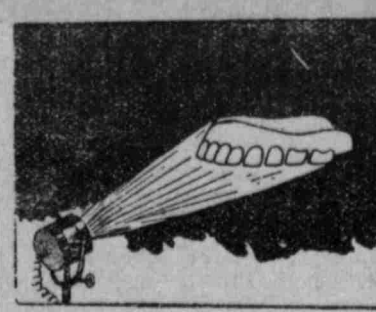
"When she realizes that marriage is a great sacrament blessed by God."

M. P. W. says she would "far rather have a man that wears low collars and is not so good-looking as a high-collared fellow and a two-cent dude that is too lazy to work and never has a cent in his pocket."

"I think there is nothing worse than a young girl to say: 'I would not have that fellow because he is not good-looking.' Beauty is only skin deep."

CHINA AGAINST THE WORLD.

The total arms-bearing population of Europe is less than 35,000,000 men. Add to that 15,000,000 more from North America and you still have less than 50,000,000 capable of bearing arms; but for every one of them China has two. One hundred million men with which to preserve the ancient empire! There are other respects in which China has the world at a disadvantage. In vitality, endurance and indifference to discomforts no people in the world can match the Chinese, while their ability to subsist and work on what others would starve on is notorious. Accustomed to unsanitary surroundings, they thrive in camps where others would be decimated by epidemics, while on account of the cheapness of her labor no other power can wage war so cheaply as can China.



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